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Honorable President Bill Clinton
The White House
1600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Clinton:


The federal government needs to impose much stronger controls on transnational corporations to ensure that they operate in the interests of communities by creating jobs, respecting human rights, protecting the environment, conserving our resources, and paying their fair share of taxes.

It would appear that in your zeal to promote trade you make concessions to corporations without insisting upon their meeting the obligations listed above. It goes without saying that the government is accountable to the people but corporations seem accountable to nothing but maximizing profit regardless of human and environmental costs.

Today on the news I heard our food is already being genetically engineered. This seems most shortsighted as long-term effects are unknown. I do not recall an open public debate on this issue. Further, the food is not labeled as genetically engineered. Europe is protesting our selling them genetically engineered food. My support is with them. They are threatened with trade sanctions. This is a clear example of poor trade agreements which benefit corporations and not the common good.

Thank you for your consideration. I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,


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